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2015 ELK HUNT INFORMATION

WILLIAM L. FINLEY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

ELK HUNTING IS ALLOWED BY SPECIAL PERMIT ONLY (SEE FINLEY ELK HUNT PERMIT APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS) AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH OREGON STATE REGULATIONS, AND SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

- **Hunting for Antlerless Elk ONLY, Archery ONLY** during specified seasons on Finley Refuge (see calendar below) **with a Finley Refuge Elk Permit**. Hunting is not currently permitted on the Snag Boat Bend Unit, Ankeny or Baskett Slough Refuges.
- Hunting is permitted seven days a week from ½ hour before legal sunrise to ½ hour after legal sunset. Normal Refuge hours are sunrise to sunset daily.
- Overnight camping and after hours parking are prohibited on the Refuge.
- All hunters must complete both portions of the Big Game Harvest Report available at the self-service hunt kiosks each hunt day.
- We allow only portable deer stands capable of being carried in their entirety by a single individual. Hunters are limited to 1 stand on the refuge at any time. Hunters may erect their stand 1 day prior to their permitted refuge elk hunt and must remove it the last day they hunt. Hunters must permanently affix the owner's name, address, and phone number to stands.
- Nailing tree stands and/or steps to trees and attaching any blind or stand to a tree by any metal object driven, screwed, or otherwise inserted into the tree, including screw-in steps and bow holders is prohibited.
- Cutting or removing trees and other vegetation is prohibited.
- The use of flagging, paint, blazes, tacks, or other types of markers is prohibited.
- Stands and blinds not in full compliance with these regulations will be removed.
- We prohibit the use of dogs to hunt or track wounded elk.
- The use of trail cameras is not allowed.
- Hunters must have a current State hunting license and valid state-issued general archery elk or controlled elk Willamette Plus #1 or #2 tag.
- Hunters under 18 must have their hunter safety card on their person.
- Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on national wildlife refuges must comply with all provisions of State and local law. **Persons may not carry or use firearms while archery elk hunting on the Refuge.**

Tag Required	August	September	October	Restrictions
Refuge Zone 1				
ELK Willamette plus #1 or #2, Unit 215A1 or 215 A2	1 <u>28</u>			Archery Only, Antlerless Only
ELK General Archery	29 <u>27</u>			Archery Only, Antlerless Only
ELK Willamette plus #1 or #2, Unit 215A1 or 215 A2		28 <u>31</u>		Archery Only, Antlerless Only
Refuge Zone 2				
ELK Willamette plus #1 or #2, Unit 215A1 or 215 A2	1 <u>28</u>			Archery Only, Antlerless Only
ELK General Archery	29 <u>27</u>			Archery Only, Antlerless Only
ELK Willamette plus #1 or #2, Unit 215A1 or 215 A2		28 <u>31</u>		Archery Only, Antlerless Only

PROCEDURES FOR SELF-SERVICE HUNT KIOSK

- All hunters must complete a Big Game Harvest Report, available at the self-service hunt kiosks, *each* hunt day. Please deposit **Part A** prior to hunting, display **Part B on the dash of your vehicle in plain sight** and deposit it after hunting, in the box at the hunt kiosk. This includes days in which there is no harvest.
- Three self-service kiosks are located on the Refuge at the Mill Hill Parking Area, Turtle Flats restrooms and the pullout east of the McFadden Marsh bridge on the north side of Bruce Road (see Elk Hunting Zone map).



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WILLIAM L. FINLEY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
2015 ELK HUNT APPLICATION
RETURN VIA MAIL OR FAX BY JULY 6TH, 2015

Background and Information

The timing, location, weapon type, and number of permits for this hunt have been designed to assure a quality hunt that will provide for the safety of visitors and the accommodation of other Refuge visitor uses. The Refuge elk hunt will be divided into 3 separate time periods. Hunters applying for Hunt #1 and Hunt #3 are asked to indicate their order of preference on their application below. This will be an archery only, antlerless only hunt with a restricted bag limit of one antlerless elk.

Hunt #1 will be an early August hunt that corresponds to the start date of the ODFW's Willamette Plus #2 elk season, August 1st and will be open through August 28th. Only holders of a Willamette Plus #1 or #2 tag may apply for Hunt #1. This will be an archery only, antlerless only hunt with a restricted bag limit of one antlerless elk.

Hunt #2 will be a general archery hunt with a restricted bag limit of one antlerless elk that corresponds with ODFW general archery season from August 29th through September 27th. Only holders of a general archery elk tag may apply for this hunt.

Hunt #3 will start the day after the general archery elk season closes, September 28th, and will run through October 31st. This will be an archery only, antlerless only hunt with a restricted bag limit of one antlerless elk. Only Willamette Plus #1 or #2 tag holders will be considered for this hunt.

Application procedures

Please fill out the form below with your name, address, and successful 2015 elk tag information and for which of the Finley Hunts you are applying. Fax or mail your completed hunt application to the Refuge at the address above **before the deadline of July 6th**. All applications will be grouped by their first choice hunt and numbered in the order they are received. Five random numbers will be generated for each group to select the five successful applicants.

Successful applicants will be notified by July 17th and provided additional information about the Refuge regulations and hunting information. An individual cannot be selected for more than one hunt.

Only successful applicants will be contacted to hunt elk on the Refuge and will only be able to hunt elk during the specific dates and locations for their hunt. They will be provided a map and specific information about Refuge rules, parking areas, and open hunt areas. Hunters will be required to check in at a self-serve hunt kiosk on the Refuge prior to hunting each day and to complete a hunt information card at the end of each day's hunt.

W.L. Finley National Wildlife Refuge Elk Hunting Application

(please print clearly)

Last Name First Name

Mailing Address

City State Zip Code

Home Phone Number -AND- Cell Phone Number

Email Address

Oregon 2015 Hunting License number

Oregon 2015 Elk Tag Unit and Number

___ General Archery Tag Number _____

___ Willamette Unit Plus 1 Tag Number _____

___ Willamette Unit Plus 2 Tag Number _____

For Willamette Unit Plus 1 or Plus 2 tag holders, please identify your first and second choice hunts by marking your choice in the left column. General Archery Tag holders are only eligible to apply for Hunt #2 (coinciding with the Statewide General Archery season).

Finley Refuge 2015 Elk Hunt Seasons

Mark Priority Choice (1 st or 2 nd) for Willamette Unit Tag Holders	Tag Required	August	September	October	Restrictions
	Willamette plus #1 or #2, (Unit 215A1 or 215A2)	<u>1</u> 28 Hunt #1			Archery Only, Antlerless Only
General Archery Tag Holders Only	General Archery Tag	29	<u>Hunt #2</u> 27		Archery Only, Antlerless Only
	Willamette plus #1 or #2 (Unit 215A1 or 215A2)		28	<u>Hunt #3</u> 31	Archery Only, Antlerless Only

Return this Hunt Application form by Mail or Fax by July 6, 2015 to:
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